

A faint, light blue graphic of a person in a wheelchair is centered in the background of the slide. The person is facing right, and the wheelchair is a simple outline.

# Handicap Placard (HP) Parking Project

Arlington Disability Commission

Presenters:

Cynthia DeAngelis & Darcy Devney

# Thanks to:

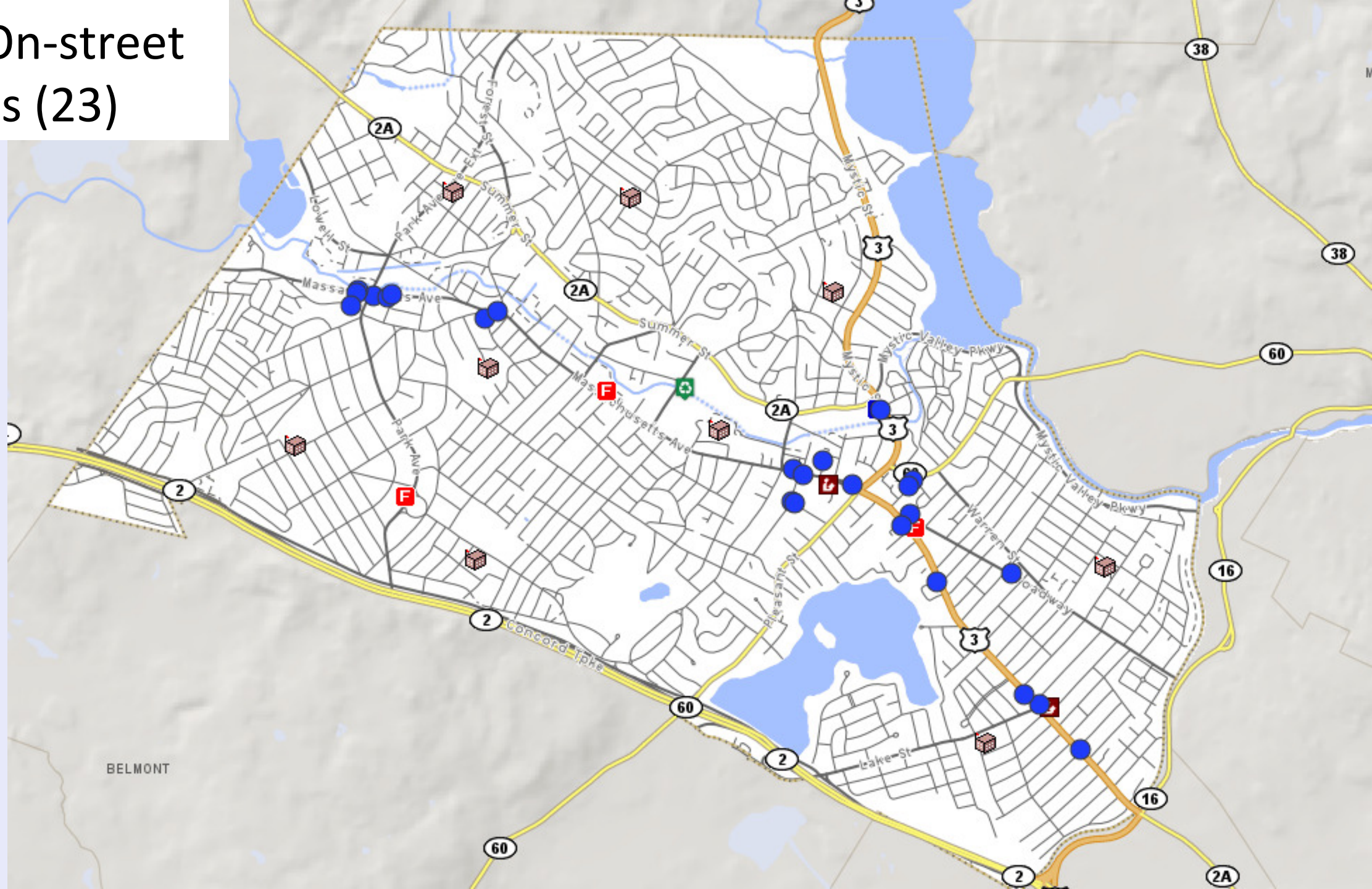
- Board of Selectmen and Marie Krepelka
- Town Meeting Members (voted 183-4)
- Arlington Disability Commission and especially:
  - Mike Rademacher, Susan Tenant, Lisa Molina, Susin James
- Volunteers – Darcy Devney, Bob Kuhn, Michael Devney

# Outreach – Promised (After Town Meeting)

- May – Town Meeting on Warrant Article
- June 18 – Disability Commission table at Feast of the East
- June – Ground-level WalkShops of 3 business districts:  
East Arlington, Arlington Center, Arlington Heights
- July 18– Final list and map to BOS as Parking Commissioners
- Aug – DPW begins implementation of new HP spaces
- September 17 – Disability Commission table at Town Day
- Fall – Online parking map including HP spaces

DONE!

# Current On-street HP Spaces (23)



# Placement Criteria

## Before, after or in:

- Curb Cut
- Crosswalk
- Driveway
- Street
- Bus Stop
- Bump-outs

## Obstacles:

- High Curb
- Lamppost/Utility Pole
- Bike Rack
- Bench
- Planter
- Overhead



# Choice of Locations

The proposed space for HP was often the ***only*** possible space in the vicinity.

***No other space*** nearby is usable by some people with disabilities (because of obstacles, etc.), so if the proposed space is not reserved for HP, they would have ***no access***.

# Walkshops

- 3 Walkshops, other visits, emails, phone calls
- 200+ Businesses contacted
- Mass Ave and Broadway
- A&A Deli *to* Zhu

# Other Repeated Feedback

(not in ADC Purview)

- Parking duration (2 hr, 15 min, other)
- Communication (praise for e-newsletter)
- Public restrooms



# Request

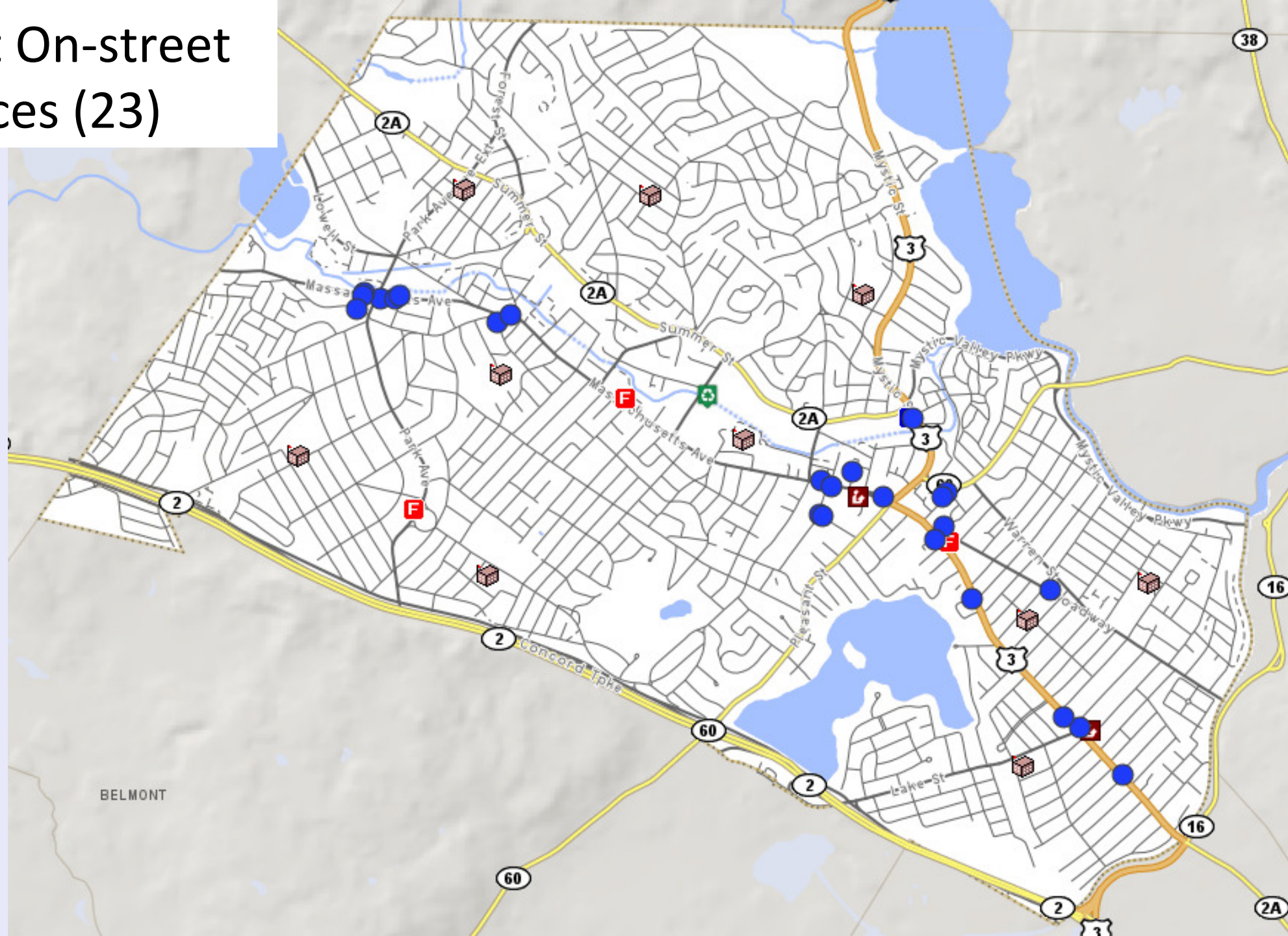
Arlington Disability Commission needs representation whenever the town discusses parking, e.g:

- On the Parking Implementation & Governance Committee
- When parking for Arlington's parks is discussed

# Goal

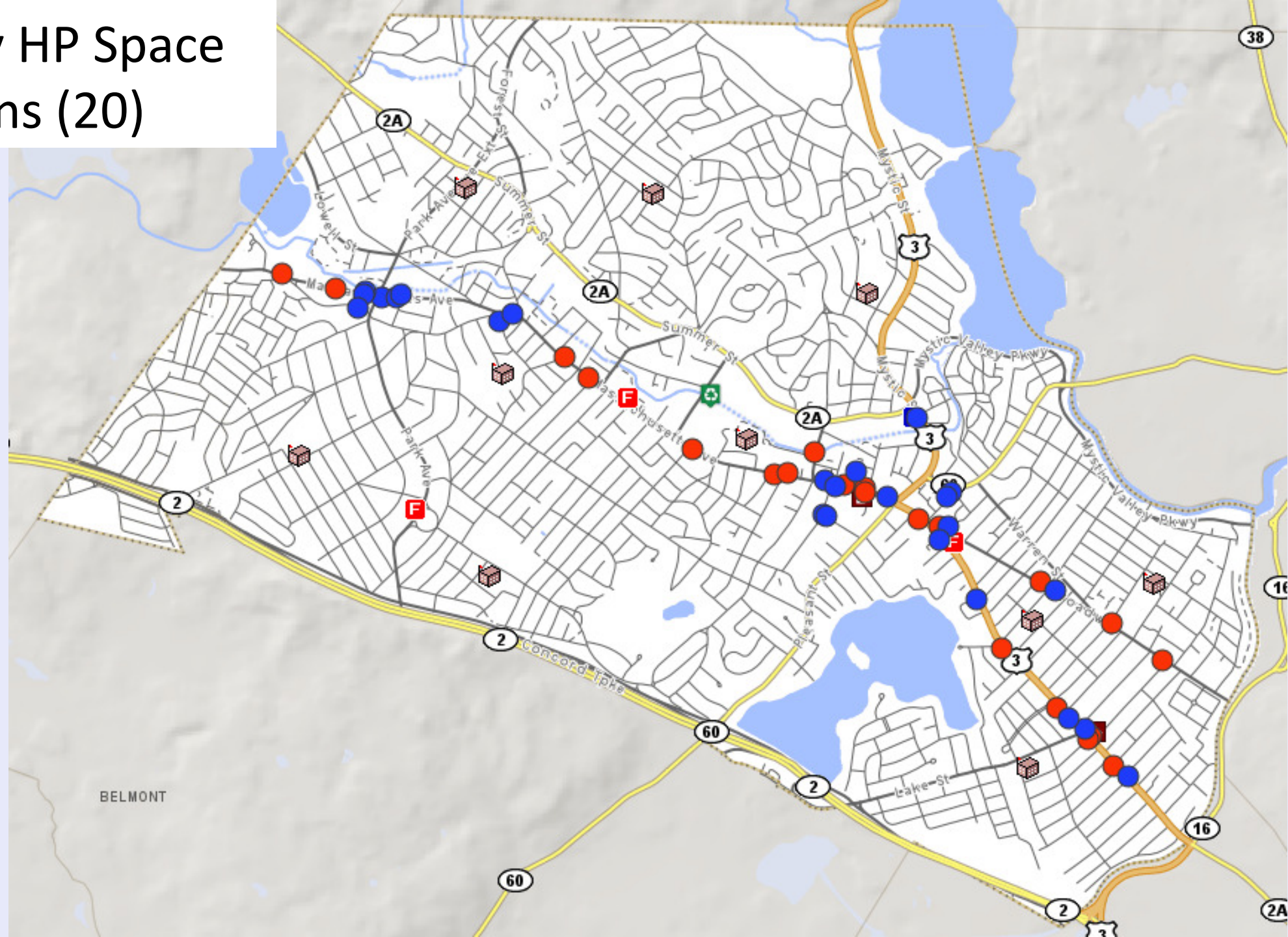
An adequate number  
of handicap spaces  
in the optimal places

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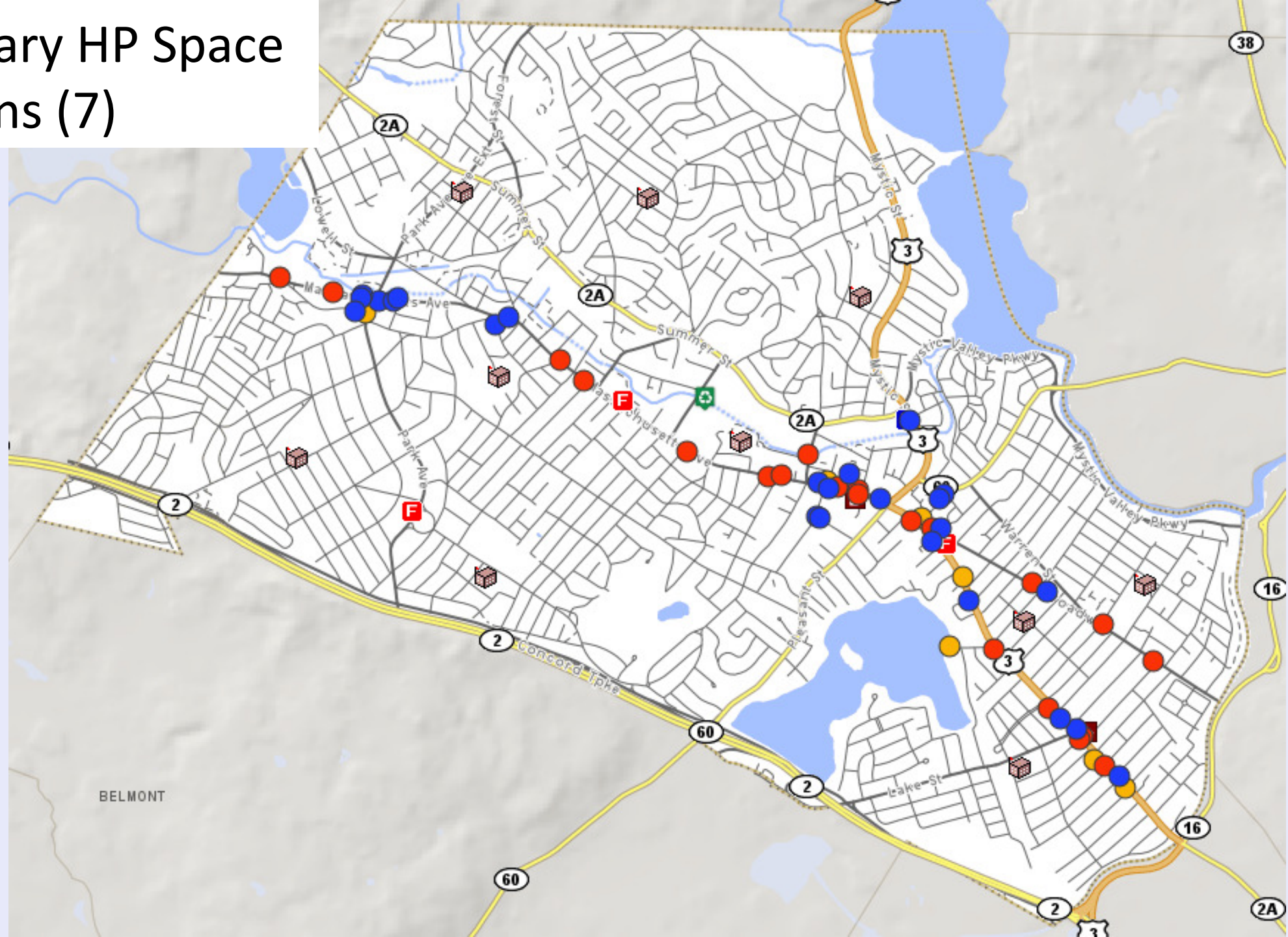


# Primary HP Space Additions (20)





# Secondary HP Space Additions (7)





$$23 + 20 + 7 = 50 = 5\%$$

